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FOR AF/S HAVERKAMP OR ARENALES

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SUBJECT: AMCIT MISSIONARIES

REF: (A) STATE 104364; (B) ARENALES

1. THERE HAVE BEEN NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS ON AMCIT MISSIONARY ARMAND DOLL.

2. AMBASSADOR COMMENCED HIS CALLS ON DIPLOMATIC CORPS WITH MAY 3 CALL ON DEAN OF CORPS, AMBASSADOR OBED KATIKAZA OF TANZANIA. KATIKAZA IS STILL AWAITING RESPONSE FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO HIS AIDE MEMOIRE REQUESTING CONSULAR ACCESS TO FOREIGN PRISONERS (REFTEL B). KATIKAZA SAID THE DISCUSSED MATTER WITH PRESIDENT MACHEL ON FLIGHT FROM DAR TO MAPUTO APRIL 27, EXPLAINING TO PRESIDENT THAT THIS IS A RIGHT NORMALLY ACCORDED FOREIGN DIPLOMATS. MACHEL THOUGHT THAT THE ISSUE WAS DISAPPEARING NOW THAT PRISONERS ARE BEING RELEASED, BUT KATIKAZA SAID THAT SOME FOREIGN PRISONERS REMAIN AND, IN ANY EVENT, THERE WAS IMPORTANT PRINCIPLE INVOLVED. MACHEL SAID HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER. KATIKAZA INTENDS RAISE MATTER AGAIN WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CHISSANO WHEN LATTER RETURNS, WHICH NOW SCHEDULED BE MAY 5.

3. IN ABSENCE OF MINISTER INTERIOR WHO IN SWITZERLAND, AMBASSADOR IS SEEKING MEETING WITH SENIOR OFFICIAL IN MINISTRY INTERIOR TO DISCUSS DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION AMCIT DOLL. DIRECTOR OF WESTERN HEMISPHERE AFFAIRS IN FOREIGN MINISTRY TELEPHONED MAY 3 TO SAY
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HE WAS WORKING ON APPOINTMENT.

4. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING REVISION OF SENATOR PERCY'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT MACHTEL.

5. AMBASSADOR'S LETTER TO MRS. DOLL, WHICH HOUGHLON FRIBERG AGREED DELIVER, EXPRESSES AMBASSADOR'S REGRET THAT MR. DOLL WAS NOT RELEASED ALONG WITH FRIBERG AND MILAM, AND ASSURES MRS. DOLL THAT AMBASSADOR AND EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE THEIR EFFORTS ON BEHALF HER HUSBAND.

6. DESPITE RELEASE OF FRIBERG AND MILAM, EMBASSY BELIEVES AMBASSADOR'S APRIL 15 LETTER TO MRS. DOLL, FRIBERG AND MILAM SHOULD BE DELIVERED, WITH COVERING NOTE FROM SOMEONE IN AF/S STATING IT BEING FORWARDED EVEN THOUGH OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS. BELIEVE THIS IS DESIRABLE IN VIEW PAST CRITICISM VOICED BY MRS. MILAM AND MRS. FRIBERG THAT EMBASSY HAS BEEN DELINQUENT IN NOT COMMUNICATING WITH THEM. A VERY CAUSTIC LETTER FROM MRS. FRIBERG SENT MID-APRIL WAS RECEIVED ONLY LAST WEEK.
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